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PUNJAB WATER REGULATION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

NOTIFICATION

The 26th February, 2026

No. 75340:PWRDA0GENL/37/2021-PWRDA BR/3987.- In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 15 (2) of the Punjab Water Resources (Management and Regulation) Act, 2020 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Punjab Water Regulation and Development Authority hereby issues the following amendment to the Punjab Groundwater Extraction and Conservation Directions, 2023 issued by notification no.75340/PWRDA-PWRD0GENL/37/2021-PWRDA-BR/418 Dated 27.01.2023.

SIXTH AMENDMENT

In the Punjab Groundwater Extraction and Conservation Directions, 2023:

1) The following be added at the end of para 2.1 B:

"Provided that all the Sugar Mills extracting groundwater shall submit an impact assessment report with reference to groundwater recharge/water conservation and withdrawal in the required format, within the following time limits;

1. All sugar mills which have already been granted permission: Within six months from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette.

2. All sugar mills applying for permission to extract groundwater: Within six months from date of grant of permission

Upon examination of such impact assessment report, the Authority may amend or review its decision as regards the permission.

The Unit shall engage, for this purpose, any of the Groundwater Professionals empaneled by the Authority.

2) In Paragraph 6.2 a new sub para ix. be added:

"Extraction of groundwater by all the Sugar Mills without submission of impact assessment report with reference to groundwater recharge/water conservation and withdrawal, as applicable".

3) This amendment shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Sd/-
Secretary
Punjab Water Regulation and Development Authority

Chandigarh
The 26th February, 2026

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